

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. In the Decision on Appeal mailed October 24, 2007, the Board affirmed the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-11 and 13-23, but reversed the Examiner's rejections of claims 12 and 24-29. In the Miscellaneous Action mailed February 28, 2008, the Examiner indicated that Applicant must present dependent claims 12 and 24 (dependent upon claims 8 and 16, respectively) in independent form, wherein failure to do so would result in cancellation of the dependent claims. Further, the Examiner noted that claims 25-29 are allowed.

Applicant has hereby amended claim 8 to include the subject matter of claim 12 (now canceled), and has likewise amended claim 16 to include the subject matter of claim 24 (now canceled). Applicant has also canceled claims 1-7. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 8-11, 13-23, and 25-29 are now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 8-11, 13-23, and 25-29.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Authorization and Extension of Time

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by credit card authorization being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

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